

Big Moose Trail



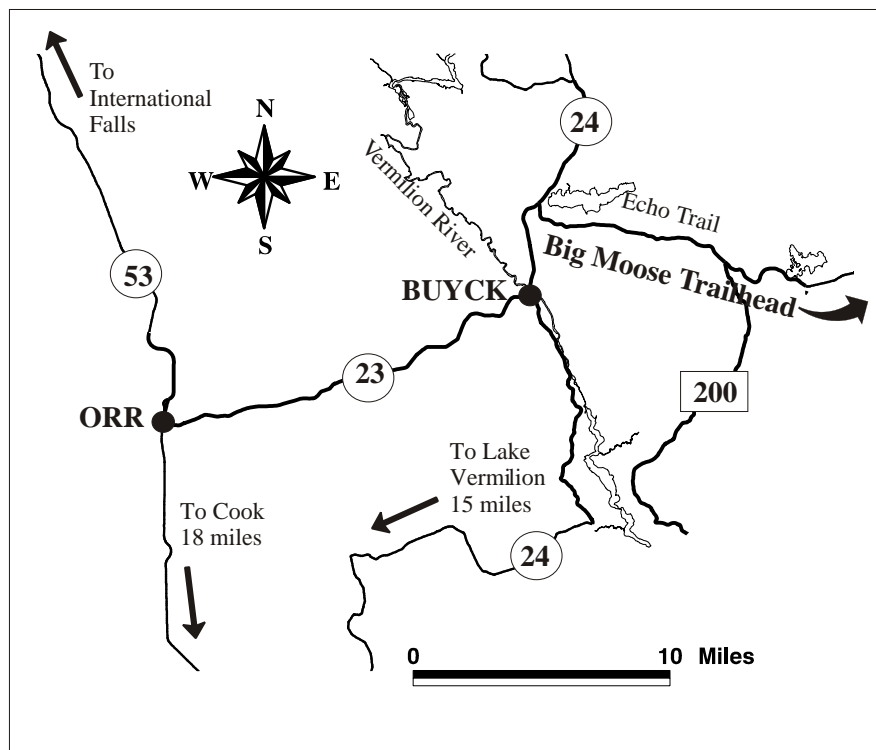
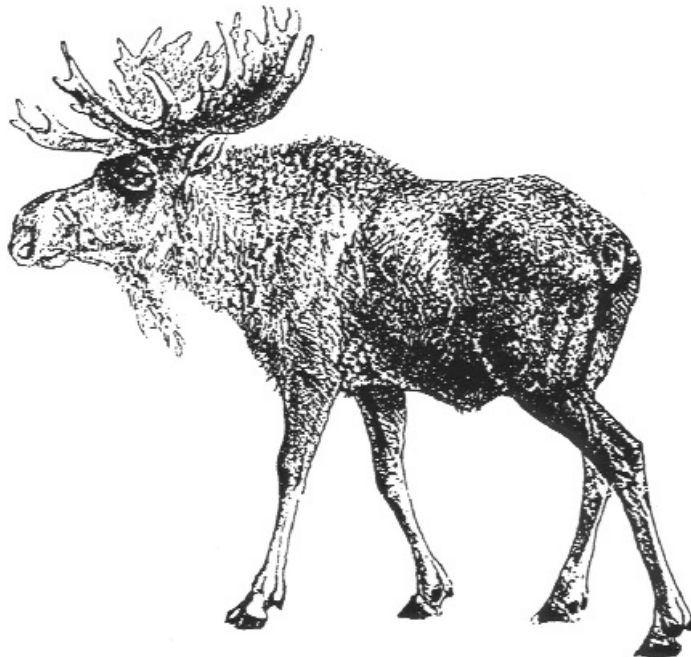
SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

LACROIX RANGER DISTRICT

COOK, MINNESOTA

FEATURES

- 2 ½ miles of hiking trail (one way) to Big Moose Lake
- 3 hours hiking time for round trip
- Enters the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW)
- Wilderness permit required



LOCATION

Big Moose Trail is located 47 miles northeast of Orr, MN.

- From Orr, take St. Louis County 23 to Buyck (16 miles).
- At Buyck, County 23 turns into County 24. Continue on County 24 for 4 miles to the Echo Trail (County 116).
- Turn right for 25 miles to the east end of Forest Road 464 (Moose Loop Road).
- Turn right on Forest Road 464 for 1 ½ miles. Trailhead and parking are on the left.



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DESCRIPTION

From the parking lot, the trail follows an old roadbed for about a half mile, then turns right and traverses a young forest of jack pine and aspen for most of its length. The last half mile of this trail passes through mature red, white, and jack pine and aspen with areas of ledge rock. Watch for piles of rocks, called cairns, to guide you on the ledge rock. This southernmost section of trail is in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). By following a few simple rules, you can help to preserve the area's wilderness character.

Whenever you enter the wilderness:

- A permit is required.
- Limit of 9 people in a group.
- No cans or bottles.
- Overnight hikers must camp at a campsite (see map) or at least 150 feet from the trail or lakeshore.
- Fires, when allowed, only in the fire grates at campsites.

CAUTION:

There are no trail signs in the wilderness. Use a topographic map and compass to guide you.

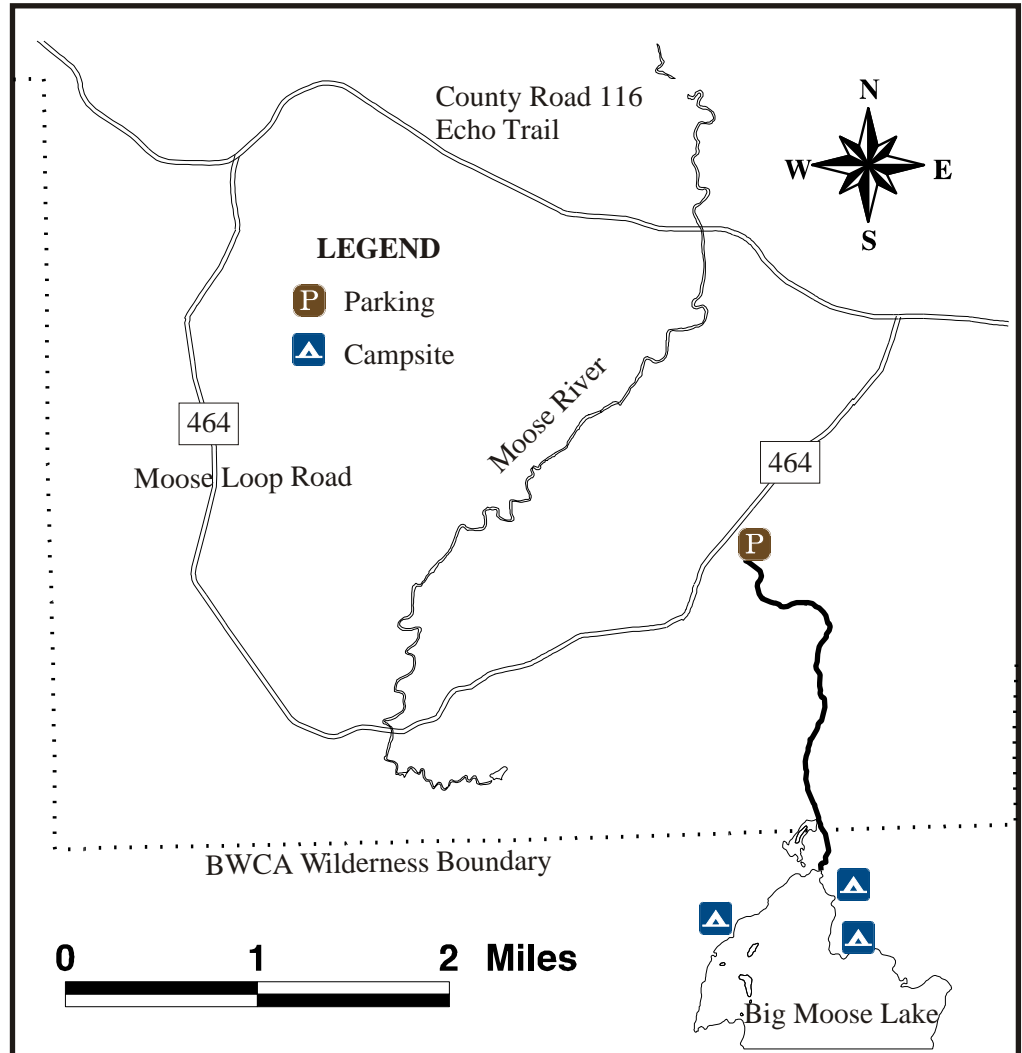
LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES:

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
6. Leave what you find.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.



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